

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19**

BUILDING OUR LEGACY

St. Joseph Church "Building Our Legacy" fundraising continues. Our Church community has generously supported our efforts through donations that allowed us to build a new Rectory, a new Religious Education Building and Church office. Thank you for all your contributions. Our last goal is to rebuild our Parish Hall. Below are the latest fundraising efforts underway:

Donations—Parish Hall needs include: general construction supplies and kitchen appliances.

Brick Campaign—St. Joseph's Legacy Garden (in front of Religious Education Bldg.) is complete and has all the bricks installed from our last Brick campaign. We have started another Brick campaign July 15—Jan. 15, 2022. Flyers are available in the church foyer.

As of Aug 18, 2021		
Summary Sheet		
	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$114,500.00	\$80,856.00
Rectory	\$9,450.00	\$9,450.00
Parish hall	\$14,200.00	\$14,200.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$14,130.00	\$14,130.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Lump Sum, Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$36,188.16	\$33,388.16
	\$189,113.16	\$152,669.16
Pledged Goal*	% of Goal Pledged	
\$300,000.00	63%	

* Father George reduced Goal based on current need.

Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:
<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

Mass Intentions

Sat.	18	5:00 pm	†Elizabeth & James Zych (50th anniversary blessings) By: James Zych
Sun.	19	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Family Blessings By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez †Frances Guzman By Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
		11:00 am	†Greg Grounds By The Ladies of St. Joseph
Mon.	20	8:30 am	†Kenneth Giromimi By: Liz & Bob Conces
Tues.	21	NO MASS	
Wed.	22	8:30 am	†Elvira Yanez (heavenly birthday) By Elvia Tamayo & Rosie Aguirre
Thurs.	23	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri.	24	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	25	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	26	9:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Please Pray For the Sick: Jim Koenig, Bill Behrens, Balu Thomas, Bob Wallace, Betty Paschal, Tony Paschal, Mike Gibbs, George Snell, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, and all who are in need of prayer.

Please Pray For the Deceased:
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

The second collection this week-end is for the Disaster Relief Collection.

Pope Francis says: We have severely harmed the Earth, our common home. Yet we have reasons for hope. The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now.



Year of Saint Joseph Pilgrimage Center
Bishop Michael Mulvey has designated all the churches bearing the name of St. Joseph in the Diocese to be a pilgrimage center for the year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph Port Aransas is, therefore, a pilgrimage center where people can visit to pray and to receive plenary indulgence by fulfilling all the requirements, which include a confession and the reception of Holy Communion. Every Saturday the Church will remain open from 12 noon until the end of the Mass. St. Joseph pray for us. Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat 9/18	5 pm	Elizabeth Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann
Sun 9/19	9 am	Donata Morris/Donata Morris
	11 am	Carly Carlough/Heather Collins
Sat 9/25	5 pm	Dawn Gault Meade/Liz Conces
Sun 9/26	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Marvin Murray
	11 am	Kim Locus/John Locus

Ladies of St. Joseph
Please join us for our monthly meeting, Thursday, September 23, at 5 p.m. We will meet in the new education building; enter via the door on Lantana Street. All are welcome!

BRICK CAMPAIGN
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Collection for September 12, 2021

Loose Collection	\$1364.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 930.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 543.21
Building Fund	\$ 60.00
Online Giving	\$ 420.00
Total	\$3317.21

The Knights of Columbus will lead a **Rosary** on the fourth weekend of the month starting 30 minutes before each Mass. The entire Parish is invited to attend. The dates are September 25-26, October 23-24, & November 27-28.

HAVE A LAUGH . . . A man walks into a bar and asks the bartender, "What brand of whisky do you recommend for me on the occasion of my 25th wedding anniversary?" The bartender replies, "It depends on whether you want to celebrate it or you want to forget it."

Pastor's Note: Called to serve with humility...
After predicting his passion and death, Jesus posed a challenge to the disciples in last Sunday's Gospel to be willing enough to deny themselves and take up the cross and follow him. This week's readings are a continuation of the theme of self-denial and service with humility. Jesus' life was always a manifestation of his commitment to God. This commitment sprang from his conviction that God has sent him on a Mission and that God will always be there to uphold him, even in the face of suffering and death. This deep trust in God, and his awareness of the work that he is entrusted with, enabled Jesus to be a man of action. All the readings of today focus on the way one is called to live, if one is a follower of Christ. The first reading from the book of Wisdom talks about the opposition faced by a person who is doing God's work. Often, that person's life is in danger, and the strength to carry on comes from that person's trust in God to vindicate him. Responsorial Psalm further underscores this trust in God's care and protection. St. James continues to exhort the disciples to be committed to God's ways and to be led by the spirit of Christ. He insists on the need to be selfless in one's service and be focused on becoming peacemakers, in a world torn apart by selfish interest and hatred and war, resulting from pursuing selfish goals. With this introduction from the first and second readings, the Gospel focuses on the contrast between the attitudes of Jesus and that of his disciples. Jesus continues to inform the disciples of his impending passion and death, as he carries on his mission rooted in love, peace and justice. Even when he is faced with opposition, Jesus is able to carry on, because he trusts God fully. This inner strength enables Jesus to be humble and selfless in his ministry. The attitude of the disciples is in direct opposition to that of Jesus. They are focused on power and position. And to them, Jesus tells that true greatness is in serving others, rather than being served. This attitude of service can only be mastered if one is able to trust God like a child. Once we have the inner strength of God's love for us, we will be able to serve with humility and will not be seeking our own glory but that of the glory of God.